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History. This publication is a major revision of VDF personnel promotions policy and supersedes the provisions of VDF Regulation 600-10, chapter 3.

Summary. This revision updates the policy and procedures for promotions of personnel in the Virginia Defense Force.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Assistant Chief of Staff, G–1. The Adjutant General of Virginia has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation. The Commanding General of the VDF has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The Commanding General may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to such officers and levels of command as he deems necessary. Units may request a waiver of the provisions of this regulation IAW the provisions of section 1-6a., below, and in every case such request shall provide justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits which would inure to the VDF by granting such request.

Supplementation. The requirements and standards of this regulation are the basic promotion requirements for the division and apply throughout the division. Supplementation of this promotion requirements and standards of this regulation and the establishment of command and local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G–1. Commands wishing to supplement the promotion criteria contained in this regulation to provide for additional criteria for personnel within their command, only, may do so but only with the written approval of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and upon receipt of written authority from the G-1 to implement the same.

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PERSONNEL PROMOTIONS

Chapter 1: Introduction

Section I: General

1-1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes policy, eligibility requirements, and administrative procedures for the promotion of personnel in the Virginia Defense Force (VDF).

1-2. References.

- a. Code of Virginia Title 44: Military Laws of Virginia.
- b. Permanent Order 1-1 (VaDF) TAG, VA 1 March 1988.

1-3. Definitions.

Unless otherwise defined herein, the following terms used in this regulation mean the following:

"BOQC": the Virginia Defense Force Basic Officer Qualification Course, as amended from time to time.

"Commanding General": the Commanding General of the Virginia Defense Force.

"MEL": military education level.

"TIG": time in grade.

"TIS": time in service.

1-4. Responsibilities.

- a . The Assistant Chief of Staff, G–1 will establish personnel policies relating to personnel promotions and will conduct and supervise all prescribed personnel administrative functions. All such polices shall be in writing, shall specifically refer to this regulation, and shall be attached to and become a part of this regulation at the time such policies are published.
- b. Requests to division Headquarters for promotion action by it shall be sent to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G–1. Such requests must be supported by properly prepared and completed original copies of the following documents:

- (1) VDF Form 3R (Personnel Action Request).
- (2) Personnel Evaluation Report VDF Form PE, Annex "S" to VDF Reg. 600-10.
- (3) Certification of promotion eligibility signed by the candidate's brigade (or equivalent) commander, which will attest that all training, military education level ("MEL"), and attendance requirements for promotion have been met. Such certification shall be made using the *Commander's Certification of Promotion Eligibility* form which is attached as Annex X to this regulation, as such form may be amended from time to time and is in force on the date of such certification.
- (4) Letter recommending such promotion signed by the candidate's brigade (or equivalent) commander and CSM (for enlisted promotions to grades of E-6 & above).
- c. Reports to division Headquarters of promotions by brigades and subordinate units shall be made by forwarding a copy of the promotion order and of the properly completed *Commander's Certification of Promotion Eligibility* to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G–1.
- d. The Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), upon request, will review VDF administrative changes to verify the legality of prescribed policies and changes.
- e. VDF commands will process all promotion actions in accordance with this regulation.
 - (1) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, will return incomplete or improperly prepared requests for promotion action to the submitting command without action.
 - (2) Reports of promotions by subordinate commands which are incorrect or incomplete will be returned to the reporting subordinate command for correction and completion. In each instance, such purported promotion action will not be recognized by division headquarters and no corresponding changes to the personnel records of division headquarters will be made until the corrected and completed report of such promotion has been received in the office of the G-1.

1-5. Documentation.

- a. The original of the signed *Commander's Certification of Promotion Eligibility* shall be forwarded to division headquarters with each request for promotion action by division headquarters and with each report of promotion action by the subordinate command. Copies of such *Certification* shall be kept in the Military Personnel Records Jacket ("201" File") of the concerned individual.
- b. "GO/NO GO" scorecards for use in determining whether or not a candidate has satisfactorily completed the criteria for promotion are attached to this regulation. Copies of such scorecards shall be kept in the 201 File of the concerned individual and need not be forwarded to division headquarters unless the same is specifically requested.

1-6. Waivers.

- a. Where this regulation authorizes waivers of any of its requirements by the Commanding General, requests for waivers shall be in writing, endorsed at each step of the chain of command through the brigade or equivalent level commander and submitted to the Commanding General for review and action. Such waivers may be granted by the Commanding General only under exceptional circumstances. Each request will contain a statement, endorsed and signed by the candidate's brigade or equivalent level commander, setting forth the reasons for the request and shall specify all reasons why the requirement should be waived and why a waiver would promote the best interests of the VDF.
- b. Waivers by the Commanding General of completion of 100% of the TIG requirements may be granted only under exceptional circumstances and -- except as is otherwise specifically set forth in this regulation -- only for those promotion candidates who have attained at least seventy five percent (75%) of the TIG requirements under this regulation. All requests for waivers of TIG shall comply with same process as is set forth in subpart (a) of this section and shall include a specific statement setting forth why the granting of such a waiver would promote the best interests of the VDF.
- c. For purposes of waivers of TIG, staff positions are not considered "troop leadership" positions.

Section II: Policy

1-7. Commander's Intent.

- a. Promotions at all levels in the VDF are based on two over-arching standards: superior performance of assigned duties and the demonstrated potential for service at the next highest grade.
- b. A "best qualified" standard will be used for promotion consideration. The fact that a VDF member may be "fully qualified" administratively (*e.g.*, sufficient TIG, required training, *etc.*), does not mean that the member must be promoted to the next highest grade.
- c. Promotion boards will give appropriate weight to the service of VDF members in troop leadership positions (squad leader, platoon sergeant, platoon leader, company commander, *etc.*) in the promotion selection process.
- d. Minimum drill attendance standard for promotions is 83% (10 of the last 12 scheduled drills), of which not more than two (02) drills shall be in the form of alternative training in lieu of drill attendance. Standards and guidance for approved alternative drill activities shall be developed and published by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and when published shall become a part of this regulation.

Chapter 2: Officer Promotions.

2-1. General.

- a. All officers who are eligible for promotion IAW the criteria of Table 2 will be considered for Cadre vacancies under the promotion authority's command. MEL requirements are included in that Table.
- b. Minimum education level required for all officers is a baccalaureate degree. Officers who received their commission in the VDF through the BOQC with the minimum 90 semester hours of credit are required to have a baccalaureate degree before being eligible for promotion to Captain (0-3).

TABLE 2

FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIG</u>		PROMOTION AUTHORITY
2LT	1LT	2 years ^w	ISC 100,700,200,800,317	Brigade
1LT	CPT	2 years ^w	CLC	Brigade

Candidates for promotion to the ranks of CPT and above must have completed all FEMA Professional Development Series courses in effect as of the date when the application for promotion is received by the promotion authority.

CPT	MAJ	3 years ^x	OSC^3	Division
MAJ	LTC	3 years ^Y	ALC, ISC 300	Division
LTC	COL	3 years ^z	ALC, ISC 400	Division

Approval authority for promotion to BG is the Adjutant General of Virginia. Nominating authority is the Commanding General.

^W waiverable to 1 year with 12 months satisfactory service in grade in a troop leadership position.

^X waiverable to 2 years with 12 months satisfactory service as a company commander or equivalent troop leadership position.

Y waiverable to 2 years with 12 months satisfactory service as a BN X-O, or BN S-3.

^z waiverable to 2 years with 12 months satisfactory service as a BN CDR, BDE X-O, or BDE S-3.

Chapter 3: Warrant Officer Promotions

3-1. General.

- a. All warrant officers eligible for promotion IAW the criteria of Table 3 will be considered for Cadre vacancies under the promotion authority's command.
- b. Minimum education level required for all warrant officers for promotion consideration to ranks above CW2 is an associate's degree.

TABLE 3

FROM	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIG</u>	<u>MEL</u>	PROMOTION <u>AUTHORITY</u>
WO1	CW2	2 years		Brigade

MEL: ISC 100, 700, 200, 800, 317

VDF Orientation Course

Level IIA (Emergency Services Qualification) Candidate scores GO on the following skills:

Individual drill: FM 3-21.5

General and Special Orders: FM 22-6

Military customs and courtesies: FM 3-21.13, FM 3-21.5

Chain of Command/rank insignia

Hand-held radio operations and protocol: VDF SOI

Candidates for promotion to the ranks of CW2 and above must have completed all FEMA Professional Development Series courses in effect as of the date when the application for promotion is received by the promotion authority.

CW2	CW3	3 years	CLC	Division
CW3	CW4	5 years	OSC^3	Division
CW4	CW5	5 years	ALC	Division

Chapter 4: Enlisted Promotions

4-1. General.

All enlisted personnel eligible for promotion IAW the following criteria will be considered for Cadre vacancies under the promotion authority's command. To be considered for promotion, an individual must be in a "promotable billet".

For promotion from E-1 to E-2:

Minimum of 4 months TIG and 4 months TIS.

Successful completion of VDF Orientation and IIA course.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

GO on close order dismounted drill. FM 3-21.5.

GO on General and Special Orders. FM 22-6.

GO on military customs and courtesies. FM 3-21.13, FM 3-21.5.

GO on Chain of Command/rank insignia.

Promotion authority: Company commander.

From E-2 to E-3

Min 6 months TIG and 10 months TIS.

Completion of E-2 promotion requirements.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

GO on demonstrated ability to operate hand held radios (VDF SOI)

Promotion authority: Company commander.

From E-3 to E-4

Min 6 months TIG and 18 months TIS.

Completion of all E-2 and E-3 promotion requirements.

Attendance at one MUTA ("FTX") assembly in each year since enlistment.

Completion of Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Development course.

Conducted 1 1hr block of platoon level (or equivalent) training instruction of a course set by individual's 1SG or co commander.

Promotion authority: Company commander.

From E-4 to E-5

Min 12 months TIG and 30 months TIS.

Completion of all E-2 through E-4 promotion requirements.

Successful completion of IS 100, 200, 700, 800 and 317.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

GO on conducting squad drill. FM 3-21.5.

Maintains a military bearing and mentors subordinates.

Conducted 1hr block of company level (or equivalent) training instruction of a course set by individual's 1SG or co commander (in addition to the training instruction requirements for promotion from E-3 to E-4).

Promotion authority: Battalion commander.

From E-5 to E-6

Min 18 months TIG and 48 months TIS.

(TIG is waiverable to 12 months with 6 months satisfactory service in grade in a troop leadership position)

Completion of all E-2 thru E-5 promotion requirements.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

GO on conducting platoon drill (min 3 squads). FM 3-21.5.

Familiar with Company level admin (e.g., MR, 3R, enlistment pkg, 600-10).

Sets an example in military bearing and in mentoring of subordinates.

Ability to conduct Company level training in the classroom and field.

Promotion authority: Brigade commander.

From E-6 to E-7

Min 18 months TIG and 72 months TIS.

(TIG is waiverable to 12 months with 6 months satisfactory service in grade in a troop leadership position)

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

Completion of all E-2 thru E-6 promotion requirements.

GO on conducting company drill. FM 3-21.5.

Demonstrated ability to conduct Company drill and ceremony.

Ability to perform and instruct on company level administration.

Successful completion of VDF CLC and OSC³.

Outstanding military bearing and mentoring of subordinates.

Promotion authority: Brigade commander.

Candidates for promotion to the ranks of SFC and above must have completed all FEMA Professional Development Series courses in effect as of the date when the application for promotion is received by the promotion authority.

From E-7 to E-8

Min 24 months TIG and 96 months TIS.

(TIG is waiverable to 18 months with 6 months satisfactory service in grade in a troop leadership position)

Completion of all E-2 thru E-7 promotion requirements.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

Successful completion of VDF ALC.

Habitually superior performance, leadership and attitude.

Promotion authority: Division

From E-8 to E-9

Min 24 months TIG and 120 months TIS.

Completion of all E-2 thru E-8 promotion requirements.

MUTA and mission participation is important and will be carefully assessed.

Completion of FEMA ISC 300.

Habitually superior performance, leadership and attitude.

Promotion authority: Division

Chapter 5: Promotion Boards

5-1. General.

a. Separate Officer and Enlisted Promotion/Screening Boards will be established at Battalion, Brigade and Division levels by orders published at such levels and will consider and make recommendations upon promotion applications coming within its purview. Reports of the actions of the board will be in writing on a form promulgated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, and shall be signed by each member of the board who considers the application. Division's Boards shall act upon all recommendations for promotions of personnel in HHC GW, and on all applications for promotion IAW with the authorities set forth in Chapters 2 thru 4 of this regulation.

- b. Each board will consist of at least three but not more than five members. Board members will be at least one grade higher than the candidate whose promotion is being considered.
- c. All promotion packets submitted for consideration by a division level promotions board must be received by division headquarters NLT the close of business on the Tuesday prior to a scheduled division headquarters UTA drill date. Consideration of packets received after the suspense cut-off will be deferred until the next drill date.
- d. All required administrative documentation must be complete when submitted to the promotion board. Incomplete or inaccurate documentation will be returned to the submitting authority without action.
- e. Promotion Boards do not have the authority to promote.
- f. Promotion orders will be prepared and published by the promotion authority.
- g. The effective date of the promotion is that which is specified in the promotion order. Wearing of rank insignia of the higher grade prior to receipt of the promotion order by the individual being promoted is not permitted.

5-2. Officer Promotion Boards.

- a. Officer Promotion Boards will be chaired by an officer in grade of 0-5 or above. The G-1/S-1 of the command shall serve as the recorder and shall be either a voting member or non-voting member.
- b. One member of each Officer Promotion Board which considers an application for promotion of a warrant officer shall be a warrant officer in grade higher than the grade of the candidate.
- c. Officer Promotion Boards shall consider applications for promotion IAW with the authorities set forth in Chapters 2 and 3 of this regulation.

5-2. Enlisted Promotion Boards.

- a. Enlisted Promotion Boards will be chaired by the senior non-commissioned officer of the command. The command's order appointing members to serve on the board shall designate the non-commissioned officer who is to serve as the recorder and whether he/she is a voting member or non-voting member.
- b. Enlisted Promotion Boards shall consider applications for promotion IAW with the authorities set forth in Chapter 4 of this regulation.

APPENDIX A TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

GO/NO GO: CHAIN OF COMMAND/INSIGNIA OF RANK

	Unit:	_
Date:		
Trainer:		
Printed Name Rank Unit Title	Signa	ture
Soldier is able to define "chain of command"		
A two way communication channel between subordinates and leader	ers.	
Orders, policy, information and inquiry GO DOWN Information and questions GO UP.		
Keeps all informed GOING UP AND DOWN		
Renders assistance, solves problems GOING UP AND DOWN		
Links in the chain are not jumped, GOING UP AND DOWN.		
	GO_	NO GO
Soldier knows his/her Chain Of Command and names.		
Commander In Chief – Governor –		
Secretary Of Public Safety –		
Adjutant General –		
Commander VDF –		
Brigade commander –		
Battalion commander –		
Company commander - Plt leader		
Plt sgt		
Squad Idr		
Team ldr		
	GO	NO GO
Soldier names, in correct order, all ranks from PV1 to		
Major General, correctly describing rank insignia and		
proper verbal addressing of each.		
	GO_	NO GO
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APPENDIX B TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

GO/NO GO: MILITARY CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES

Candidate:	Unit:
Date:	
Trainer:	
Printed Name Rank Unit Title	Signature
Soldier must score GO on all	GO NO GO
1. Soldier randers a hand salute correctly and smartly	

- 1. Soldier renders a hand salute correctly and smartly
- 2. Soldier correctly describes those entitled by grade to a salute to include officers of friendly foreign countries.
- 3. Soldier correctly describes occasions for rendering the salute:
 National anthems, Colors, Hail to the Chief, uncased
 Colors outdoors, pledge of Allegiance outdoors, turning
 over control of formations, rendering reports:
- 4. Soldier correctly describes occasions salutes are not required Indoors, unless reporting to an officer or on duty as a guard When doing so would be inappropriate or impractical.

 When the senior or subordinate are in civilian clothes.
- 5. Soldier correctly describes assuming the position of attention when talking to an officer and saluting (outdoors) when officer departs.
- 6. Soldier correctly describes assuming the position of parade rest when talking to an NCO that is senior
- 7. Soldier describes proper procedure for reporting to an officer, from a formation (in/outdoors), and when indoors.

References: FM 7-21.13, FM 3-21.5

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APPENDIX C TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

GO/NO GO: GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDERS

Candidate: Date:	Unit:
Trainer:	
Printed Name Rank Unit Title	Signature
Soldier is to define "GENERAL ORDERS"	
General Orders outline the fundamental responsibilit of any military guard or sentry.	ies GO NO GO
SOLDIER IS ABLE TO CORRECTLY RECITE ALL GEN	IERAL ORDERS FROM MEMORY
General Order Number 1: I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.	
General Order Number 2: I will obey my special orders and perform all of my duties in a military manner.	
General Order Number 3: I will report violations of my special orders, emerge and anything not covered in my instructions, to the commander of the relief.	
Soldier is able to define "SPECIAL ORDERS"	
Special orders supplement General Orders, and are realistic, detailed, and mission oriented orders that are carefully and specifically tailored for the specific guard post and situation, from the viewpoint of secur	

Reference: FM 22-6 VDF Regulation 624-1 1SEP09

APPENDIX D TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

GO/NO GO: BASIC HAND HELD RADIO OPERATIONS

Candidate:	;				U	nit:	_
Date: Trainer:							
Tramer	Printed Name	Rank	Unit	Title		Sign	ature
communic	s: Soldier has recei ations exercise is c on an internal hand	onducte	d in w	hich the sol			
Type of ra	dio used in exercis	e: circle	one:				
VHF	FRS	Other_			Simulatio	on (no radio	0)
transmits e message, a volume an	nassisted, turns radientire message cleand concludes transid pitch.) Soldier is simulation with m	rly, release mission able to	ases P . (uses simula	TT switch, is proper rhy	receives reply thm, speed,	GO	NO GO
						GO_	NO GO
prowords i	es proper message in commex: call sig gain, roger, out.				-		
						GO_	NO GO
this transm	es in commex or expission", "minimize," "MAYDAY MAYN PAN".	e", "corr	ect", "	'correction"			
						GO_	NO GO
Soldier is a	able to recite from	memory	phone	etic alphabe	et.		
						GO_	NO GO

Reference: VDF SOI VDF Regulation 624-1 01SEP09

APPENDIX E TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

GO/NO GO: CLOSE ORDER DISMOUNTED DRILL

D .			Unit:
Trainer:Printe	d Name Rank Unit Title		Signature
<u>Circle one</u> :	Individual Drill Conduct: squad drill pla	toon drill	company drill
	SOLDIER MUST SCORE GO ON AL	L MOVEMEN	ITS
		GO	NO GO
Fall In Dress Right, Dr Ready, Front	ress		
Present, Arms Order, Arms			
About, Face About, Face			
Parade, Rest Stand At Ease At Ease Sqd/Plt/Co, Att	ention		
Left Step, Marc Sqd/Plt/Co, Hal Right Step Marc Sqd/Plt/Co, Hal	lt ch		
Right, Face Cover Recover	(individual N/A) (individual N/A)		
Forward, March Left Flank, Marc Right Flank, Ma	ch		
Rear, March Rear, March			
Column Right, I Column Left, M			
Mark Time, Mar Forward, March			
Sqd/Plt/Co, Hal Left, Face Fall Out	lt	<u> </u>	
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APPENDIX X TO VDF REG. NO. 624-1:

COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATION OF PROMOTION ELIGIBILITY/PROMOTION SCREENING REPORT

Name:	Unit:	Rank to be promoted:	
Required Time in Grade for promotio Candidate's actual Time in Grade Required Time in Service for promotic Candidate's actual Time in Service Waiver required? Is the candidate in a promotable billed.	on, per current regulations:		YES/NO YES/NO
Training Education Requirements	<u>3</u>		
VDF Orientation Course (PV2 - COL)			Date Completed
Level IIA (Emergency Services Quali	fication) (PV2 – COL)		
NCO Leadership Development Course	e (CPL - SGM)		
Company Leaders Course (SFC-CSM,	CW2-CW5, MAJ-COL)		
OSC ³ Course (SFC-CSM, CW2-CW5, I	MAJ-COL)		
Advanced Leadership Course (MSG-S	GGM, CW4-CW5, MAJ-COL)		
IS 100, IS 200, IS700, IS 800 (SGT-	SGM, CW2-CW5, 1LT-COL)		
IS 317 (SGT - CSM, CW2-CW5, 1LT-	COL)		
Certificate of completion of all FEMA	PDS courses (SFC-SGM, CW2-C	CW5, CPT-COL)	
IS 300 (SGM, LTC)			
IS 400 (COL)			
Skill Requirements GO-individual drill (PV2-SGM, CW2-CGO-General and special orders (PV2-GO-military customs and courtesies GO-Chain of Command & insignia of GO-hand-held radio operations and pGO-conduct squad drill (SGT) GO-conduct platoon drill (SSG) GO-conduct company drill & ceremon	SGM, CW2-CW5) (PV2-SGM, CW2-CW5) rank (PV2-SGM, CW2-CW5) protocol (PFC-SGM, CW2-CW5)		
Document Check List: VDF Form 3-R CDR's Recommendation CSM's Recommendation VDF Screening Board Recommendati VDF Personnel Evaluation Drill Attendance:	on		
Drill Attendance percentage of last 1 Number of non-drill alternative traini		nonth period:	
Commander's signature		Date	

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